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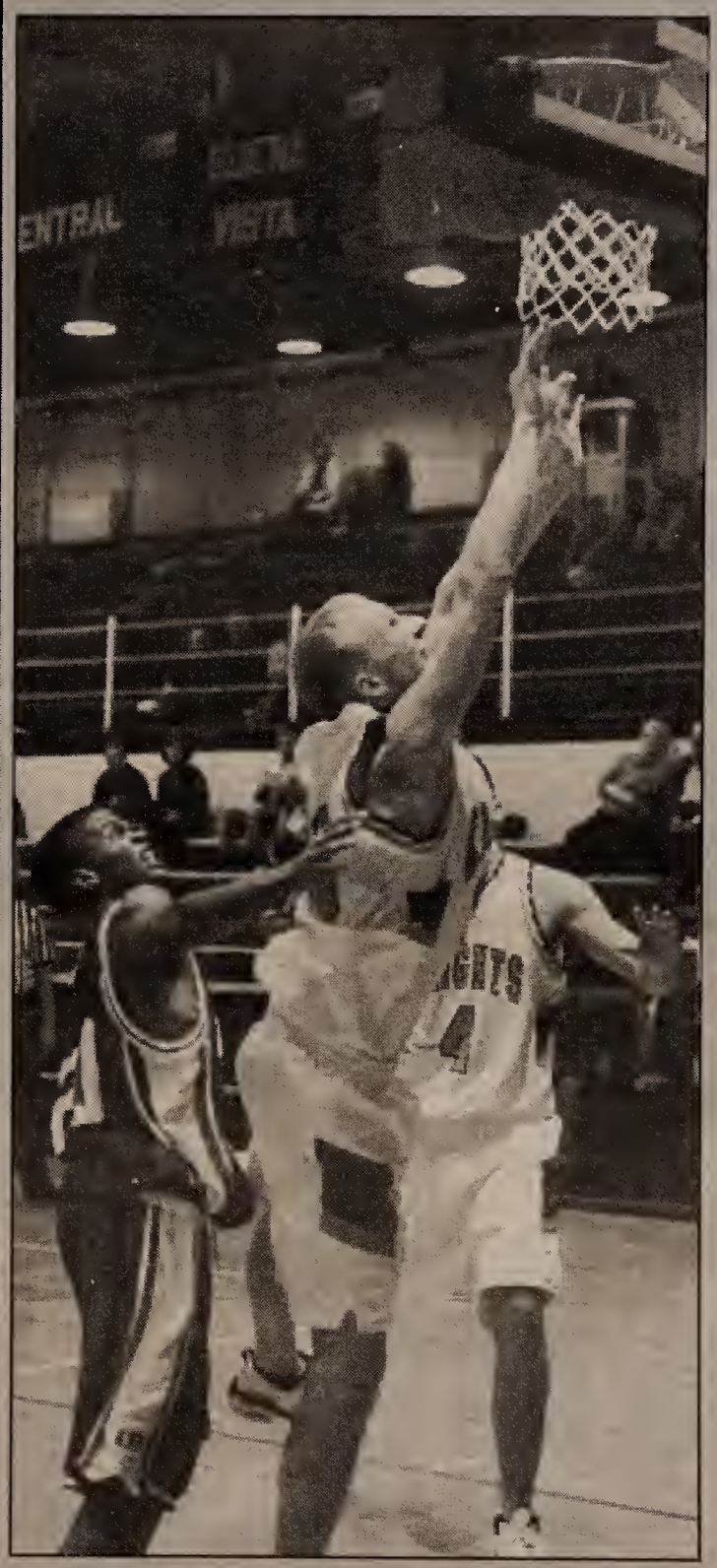
Men can't shake Spartans



Jasmine Baxton/TRUMPET

UP, UP AND IN—Top scorer Troy Osterhaus taps one in for the Knights to contribute to his 21 points for the night.

by Ben Thompson
Staff Writer

The Knights fell just short of victory Tuesday as a last-second effort rimmed out. The final score was 80-79 in favor of Dubuque.

Wartburg came out flat defensively in the first half. They also struggled on the offensive end and shot only 43 percent from the field. They headed into the locker room at halftime staring at a 46-33 deficit.

"Defensively we weren't talking, and we weren't executing," said junior Troy Osterhaus.

The Knights stepped it up in the second half and stuck it to the Spartans. They started hitting the shots they missed earlier in the game, including a clutch three-pointer by junior Pat Morrison with 30 seconds to go that put Wartburg up by one.

After two free throws that put Dubuque ahead by one, Osterhaus came down the court and just missed the game winner at the buzzer.

"It never should have come down to that last shot," said head coach Dick Peth. "We played a lot better in the second half, but we just made some mistakes that allowed Dubuque the opportunity to win."

Osterhaus led Wartburg with a game-high 21 points and pulled down six rebounds.

Freshman Dan Schuknecht scored 11 points to go with his two steals. Senior Erik Book and junior Marty Leary had team-highs with three swipes and seven caroms respectively.

The Knights play tonight in Fayette against the defending Iowa Conference champs from Upper Iowa.

Knights stab Spartans, 84-61

Elaina Meier
Graphics Editor

The women's basketball team is off to a 4-1 start after a decisive victory against Dubuque on Tuesday. The Knights squared off against the Spartans in their conference opener, prevailing 84-61.

"We came out and played well to start the first half," said Coach Monica Severson.

A solid Knight offense combined with a stingy full court press earned the Knights a 44-33 halftime lead.

The Knights came out strong to start the second half, leading by as many as 29 points. However, the Knights gave the Spartans a chance to get back into the game.

With the press off, turnovers by the Knights brought Dubuque back within 14 points.

"We had some stretches where we let them back in," said Severson.

After a time out, junior guard Amy Drees, who was three for three from downtown, sank a three-pointer that brought new life to the Knights. The Knights' defense also contributed, holding the Spartans scoreless over a four minute stretch late in the second half.

Tough rebounding on both ends of the court also helped the Knights seal their fourth overall victory and first conference win.

"We finally did a good job on the boards. I'm excited about that," said Severson.

Forwards Molly Mason and Jenni Donohue both had ten boards, contributing to the team total of 42 boards.

The women saw five players reach double figures on the scoreboard Tuesday night, a fact that excited Severson.

Mason led the effort with 16 total points, followed by Brianne Schoonover with 14, Drees with 13, Holly Mohs with 12 and Katie Fox with 10.

"It was nice to be at home," said Severson after the victory.

In the team's final games before break, the Knights will face Upper Iowa tonight in Fayette and will travel to Cornell Tuesday.

Relieve finals stress

Jill Biwer and Stacy Jass
News Editor and Staff Writer

Finals are here again, and with them comes plenty of stress. Randi Ellefson, director of health services pointed out 10 quick tips for stress reduction.

1. Spend quiet time; be alone with yourself.
2. Concentrate on one problem or project at a time.
3. Enjoy your food and the eating environment.
4. Take life one day at a time. When you survive, feel good about it.
5. Stay with your emotions. Don't avoid, repress or negate them; they are an important part of you.
6. Take time off from stress. Relax, lay back, "veg out," exercise, laugh or eat something healthy.
7. Avoid uptight, stressed friends. Anxiety is catching, so stay away.
8. Spend time with healthy, put together friends. They will enhance, not decrease, your good feelings.
9. Praise yourself daily. Soon you will believe it and so will those around you.
10. Provide support to help others cope with their stress.

campus briefs

TENSION RELIEF OFFERED

by Laura Kleckner
Staff Writer

First-Year Experience and Hall council are sponsoring stress-relieving activities.

Tuesday, a professional masseuse will be available for students in Centennial One lounge from 7 to 11 p.m. Only the first 18 students will receive a massage on a first-come first-serve basis.

BRADLEY TO VISIT WARTBURG

by Sarah Braun
Staff Writer

Ernestine Schlant Bradley, wife of Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley, will visit Wartburg Saturday at 6 p.m. An informal discussion will be held in the East Room of the Student Union.

Bradley is a professor of humanities at Montclair State College in New Jersey. She recently published "The Language of Silence," a criticism of liberal German writers.

Bradley has taken leave from her job at Montclair to help her husband campaign.

All interested students, faculty and the general public are invited to attend.

CURE FOR MIDNIGHT MUNCHIES

by Rachel Dvorak
Staff Writer

President Ohle's annual Midnight Breakfast will be Sunday from 11 p.m. to 12:30 a.m.

Ohle and other college faculty and staff will serve the breakfast in the cafeteria to give students a chance to take a break from studying for finals.

Ohle introduced the Midnight Breakfast last year to visit with students and wish them good luck on their final exams.

NEW DIRECTOR NAMED

by Stacy Jass
Staff Writer

Wartburg named Scott Leisinger the new director of development. He will begin his duties Jan. 3.

Leisinger will be responsible for working with the director of annual giving and senior development officers.

The main focus of Leisinger's work will be in planning, implementing, managing and coordinating programs for Wartburg's fundraising goals.

Vice President for Institutional Advancement David Ostrander said, "His background in fundraising and marketing and his familiarity with Wartburg will be real assets as we develop and implement the college's ambitious fundraising program for the next decade."

Women's Basketball

Knights combine youth and inexperience, already 4-1

Elaina Meier
Graphics Editor

The 1999-2000 women's basketball squad can be summed up in the words of head coach Monica Severson.

"We are a very young and inexperienced team," said Severson.

Only four players return with any substantial varsity experience. Consequently, Severson is quick to note the importance of developing players over the course of the season.

"Part of my coaching philisophy is that it is very important to develop depth during the year at every position. I would like to be 10 deep," said Severson.

With a record of 4-1 thus far, Severson said she is happy with the group's progress both in the record books and on the depth charts.

The Knights are led by returning players senior center Carrie Hansen, junior forwards Molly Mason and Jenni Donohue and sophomore guard Brianne Schoonover.

Severson said she will look to her returning players to "lead by example on the floor."

"They need to be successful and establish our offense and defense. They need to be able to get things started right away," said Severson.

Returning players will also be expected to set the pace in practice and push the younger players to excel, Severson said.

While the burden of leadership will fall on the shoulders of a select group of returning players, Severson does not want them to attempt to do everything. The Knights will focus on a team mentality, expecting results from across the board. Several newcomers have already stepped up and demonstrated their ability to make an impact.

The freshman group is led by forward Holly Mohs, who has seen substantial playing time, while contributing leading efforts in the scorebook and on the boards.

"Mohs is as good as anybody on the floor. She is a real force inside," said Severson.

Mohs is joined by guard Katie Fox, who has demonstrated skill as an outside shooter and has an understanding of the offense. Center Tara Sheppard and forward Katie Jensen have both proven to be effective on the boards for the Knights.

While young and inexperienced, the Knights have their eyes on the IIAC conference title. Even if the Knights do not claim the conference title, they will be working towards a top-four berth in the conference tournament. Simpson is favored to take the title this season after an undefeated season last year. Wartburg joins Buena Vista, Central and Luther to round out the top five conference contenders.

While inexperience will be a hurdle for the Knights, Severson said she is confident in her team's ability, partly due to its strong work ethic.

"I really enjoy working with this group of student athletes. They are hardworking and they get along well, which is really key to success. That makes my job much easier and more enjoyable," said Severson.

DEFENSE—Junior forward Jenni freshman Holly Mohs. At right is

The Trumpet.....

1999-2000 Rosters

Women's Basketball

Jennifer Donohue, 3
Amy Drees, 3
Kathleen Engler, 1
Katie Fox, 1
Carrie Hansen, 4
Katie Jensen, 1
Stacy Kelly, 2
Molly Mason, 3
Holly Mohs, 1
Allison Oliver, 2
Jessica Perry, 2
Jolene Sandquist, 1
Brianne Schoonover, 2
Kimberly Seberg, 2
Tara Sheppard, 1
Terra Stepp, 1
Kristi VonDielingen, 1

Men's Basketball

Ryan Anderson, 1
Dan Bock, 3
Erik Book, 4
Kyle Dirks, 3
Kris Fassler, 3
Raymond Ferch, 2
Derek Gibson, 1
Mike Hannemann, 2
Michael Hotz, 3
Roger Kobliska, 2
Zachary Larson, 1
Marty Leary, 3
Patrick Morrison, 3
Thony Ngumbu, 1
Jared Nicol, 1
Jamie Norton, 2
Jacob Olsen, 1
Zachary Olson, 1
Troy Osterhaus, 3
Michael Pipho, 1
Kyle Recker, 1
Chris Roades, 1
Daniel Schuknecht, 1
Steve Schuster, 3
Matt Scott, 1
Josh Smothers, 1
Christopher Steege, 1
Matt Wheeler, 4
Mark VanGorkom, 3

Men's B

ON THE UP SIDE—Juniors Marty Leary (4) and Troy Osterhaus (30) will fire on the rim this season. They look to junior Mike Hotz as he puts one through the hoop.

Katie Shannon/ TRUMPET

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...i Donohue, expected to be an asset this season, defends sophomore Kim Seberg. At left is ...s assistant coach Kathy Franken.

...Knights athletics.....what could be BETTER?

...Basketball

Chefs above the rim

Men have good combination of returners and newcomers

Ben Thompson
Staff Writer

A good chef will tell you that the right combination of ingredients and preparation will make a good dish.

The 1999-00 Wartburg men's basketball team hopes that head coach Dick Peth is a good cook.

The Knights, who finished fifth in the Iowa Conference last year, return four letterwinners from last year's 13-12 squad.

"The chemistry on this team is good. We have guys that are good role players and they understand their responsibilities."

—Dick Peth
head coach

The returnees are co-captains senior Erik Book and junior Troy Osterhaus with juniors Pat Morrison and Dan Bock. Both Osterhaus and Morrison were starters last year. Osterhaus and Book can both play the point guard spot and are good shooters. Morrison, the Knights' leading three-point shooter, has good range; and Bock provides size inside.

Several players who have experience at the collegiate level will also contribute to the Knights' campaign.

Junior forward Kris Fassler and guards, junior Mike Hotz and sophomore Jamie Norton, will make the jump to varsity after a stint with a successful junior varsity team in 1998.

Wartburg also picked up two transfers this season. Junior center Marty Leary and sophomore forward Roger Kobliska came to the Knights' program after some time at Waldorf and the University of Dubuque respectively.

The men also will receive the services of junior forward Steve Schuster who sat out last season. Schuster saw varsity time during the 1997-98 season.

The recruiting class brought many fresh faces to Knights Gymnasium this year. Many of these freshmen will be vying for starting spots and quality minutes.

Five all-staters are among the incoming class including Mike Pipho, Dan Schuknecht, Zack Larson, Jake Olsen and Kyle Recker. This impressive list of names has Peth excited.

"The freshmen have shown some good progress in the early stages of the season," said Peth. "Some of the progress has been slowed due to injuries, but they have shown that they're capable of playing at this level."

Don't let their youth fool you. This group of athletes can play, said Peth.

Pipho, Olsen and Recker can play the forward position. Schuknecht can run both the point guard and off-guard positions. Larson has good range and will play the shooting guard spot.

The Knights will look to Book and Osterhaus to provide the quality leadership to this young team, Peth said.

"They have to make that tough transition from high school to college, and we are helping them the best that we can," said Osterhaus. "It's obvious that everyone is trying hard. We just need to get some more experience."

The men have put together a good combination of ingredients, now the results are left up to the preparation. Peth is happy with his blend.

"The chemistry on this team is good," said Peth. "We have guys that are good role players and they understand their responsibilities."

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Dec. 10	Upper Iowa* Fayette, 6 p.m.
Dec. 11	Cornell* Mt. Vernon, 6 p.m.
Jan. 4	Simpson* Indianola, 6 p.m.
Jan. 7	Central* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Jan. 8	Coe* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Jan. 14	Luther* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Jan. 15	Loras* Dubuque, 6 p.m.
Jan. 21	BuenaVista* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Jan. 22	Dubuque* Dubuque, 6 p.m.
Jan. 25	Simpson* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Jan. 28	William Penn* Oskaloosa, 6 p.m.
Jan. 29	Buena Vista* Storm Lake, 6 p.m.
Feb. 4	Upper Iowa* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Feb. 5	Cornell* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Feb. 8	Central* Pella, 6 p.m.
Feb. 11	William Penn*, Waverly, 6 p.m.
Feb. 12	Luther* Decorah, 6 p.m.
Feb. 18	Coe* Cedar Rapids, 6 p.m.
Feb. 19	Loras* Waverly, 6 p.m.
Feb. 22	IIAC Quarterfinal @ Highest Seed, TBA
Feb. 25	IIAC Semifinal @ Highest Seed, TBA
Feb. 26	IIAC Finals @ Highest Seed, TBA

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MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

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Dec. 11	Cornell* Mt. Vernon, 8 p.m.
Jan. 4	Simpson* Indianola, 8 p.m.
Jan. 7	Central* Waverly, 8 p.m.
Jan. 8	Coe* Waverly, 8 p.m.
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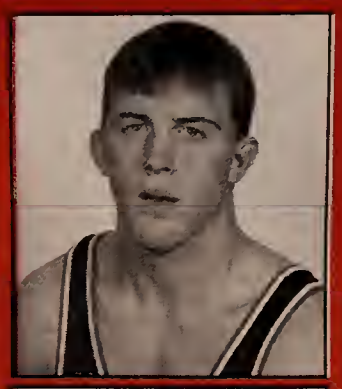
Knights Wrestling

Wartburg gridders return with five All-Americans

ZAC WEIGLEIN, 4
Finished 1st at 125

STAS KHAITIN, 4
Finished 3rd at 133

NICK MITCHELL, 4
Finished 2nd at 141



BRANDON HOLMBERG, 4
Finished 4th at 184

KRIS O'REAR, 4
Finished 6th at HWT

by Kenny Cummer
Staff Writer

The Wartburg College wrestling squad enters the 1999-2000 wrestling season with big shoes to fill.

Coming off its 1998-99 National Championship, the Knights will look to their five returning All-Americans to lead the way to another championship.

National Champion Zac Weiglein (125), national runner-up Nick Mitchell (141), third-place finisher Stas Khaitlin (133), fourth-place finisher Brandon Holmberg (184), and sixth-place finisher Kris O'Rear (HWT) all return.

Head coach Jim Miller said he hopes the Knights will continue with similar performances given by past teams.

The Knights have placed first or second in NCAA Division III wrestling in six of the past seven years, including the national championship in 1996 and 1999.

Wartburg owns an Iowa Conference-record 17 championships.

Wartburg has also won the last seven Iowa Conference titles. The Knights are consistently ranked among the top two teams in the nation with Augsburg.

> *"We want to come out and show people that Wartburg wrestling is still here and we haven't died off."*
>
> —Jim Miller
> head coach

Since head coach Jim Miller arrived at Wartburg in 1991, the Knights have compiled a 131-17-1 dual meet record, have won five Iowa Conference championships and placed first or second in the nation four of the past five years.

Appearing on Wartburg Television's SportsKnight Wednesday, Coach Miller discussed the freshman recruiting class.

"On paper we have a good group of kids," said Miller. "We really won't know until next year how good they really are."

Miller talked about the type of wrestler they look to recruit.

"For us it is more of an attitude," said Miller. "I think that is where we can compare ourselves to the Iowa States and the Penn States. We may not have the talent but our guys want to win just as bad as them."

O'Rear has definitely raised the bar as far as his expectations for this season.

"I would like to win the national title," O'Rear said. "I think if I thought anything less I would be slacking and not setting an example of reaching for the top for the younger guys."

The Knights started the season strong with a 35-10 dual meet win over Loras College Thursday.

Wartburg will host the annual Dick Walker Invitational Saturday in Knights Gymnasium.

"This tournament is considered the marking point before Christmas for Division III," said Miller. "We want to come out and show people that Wartburg wrestling is still here and we haven't died off."

1999-2000 WARTBURG WRESTLING ROSTER

Cody Alesch, 2 (165)
Carson Andorf, 4 (184)
Ryan Anderson, 2 (165)
Sonny Alverez, 1 (184)
Josh Baker, 3 (157)
Jay Bollman, 3 (133)
Matt Buskohl, 3 (197)
Jeff Clark, 4 (HWT)
Casey Doyle, 3 (141)
Scott Eddy, 3 (HWT)
Jeff Evans, 2 (157)
Andrew Fecht, 2 (184)
Ryan Friedrich, 3 (133)
Brian Frost, 1 (125)
Tony Ganas, 2 (133)
LeRoy Gardner, 1 (HWT)
Jim Gunn, 1 (149)
Ryan Halupnick, 1 (141)
Joe Havig, 1 (133)
Justin Holdgrafer, 2 (157)
Brandon Holmberg, 4 (184)
Stas Khaitin, 4 (141)
Matt Langreck, 1 (197)
Matt Larson-Simon, 1 (184)
Andy Lenius, 4 (165)
Nick Mitchell, 4 (149)
Kurt Nelson, 1 (149)
Kris O'Rear, 4 (HWT)
Jordan Ottow, 2 (133)
Lee Ottow, 1 (133)
Mitch Parker, 4 (149)
Greg Roorda, 2 (197)
Heath Ropp, 1 (125)
Chris Smith, 4 (157)
Austin Sorgenfrey, 1 (174)
Brandon Springer, 2 (174)
Gary Tate, Jr., 1 (141)
Eric Thompson, 1 (125)
David Wagner, 2 (125)
Frank Walsh, 4 (157)
Zac Weiglein, 4 (125)
Corey Wilkens, 1 (157)

Head coach is Jim Miller.
Assistant coaches are Tom Smith, Brian Roberts, Chris Ortner and Steve and Matt Walker.

WRESTLING SCHEDULE

Dec. 11 Dick Walker Invite Waverly, 8:30 a.m.
Dec. 29-30 Florida Duals Orlando, Fla., 9 a.m.
Jan. 7 Simpson Dual Indianola, 6 a.m.
Jan. 9 Augsburg Dual Minneapolis, Minn., 2 p.m.
Jan. 14 Stevens Point Dual Stevens Pt, Wis., 7:30 p.m.
Jan. 20 Coe Dual Waverly, 7 p.m.
Jan. 21-22 Cornell Invite Cedar Rapids, 4 p.m.
Jan. 22-23 Div. I Duals State College, Pa., TBA
Jan. 23 Ohio Northern Dual Waverly, 1 p.m.
Jan. 26 Cornell Dual Mt. Vernon, 7 p.m.
Jan. 29 IIAC Duals Fayette, TBA
Feb. 5 All-Lutheran Tourney Decorah, 9 a.m.
Feb. 10 Buena Vista Dual Waverly, 7 p.m.
Feb. 17 IIAC Tourney Waterloo, 9 a.m.
March 3-4 NCAA Tourney Ada, Ohio, TBA

READY TO SOAR—Kurt Nelson, a first-year from Nashua, will be a contender for the 149 position. The Knights return five All-Americans from the 1999 National Championship season.

Katie Shannon/ TRUMPET